



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 15237-000]

PacifiCorp; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Competing Applications

On October 13, 2021, PacifiCorp filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of Barn Canyon Pumped Storage Project to be located about 4 miles North of Helper, Utah. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) a new upper reservoir with a surface area of 42 acres and a total storage capacity of 986 acre-feet at a normal maximum operating elevation of 8,355 feet average mean sea level (msl); (2) a new lower reservoir with a surface area of 28 acres and a total storage capacity of 1,664 acre-feet at a normal maximum operating elevation of 6,240 feet msl; (3) a 12,672-foot-long penstock, with a hydraulic head of 2,035 feet, connecting the upper and lower reservoirs to the powerhouse; (4) a new underground powerhouse that would be sited along the western shore of the lower reservoir containing three Francis turbine-generator units with a total rated capacity of 300 megawatts; (5) a new 10.2-mile-long, 345-kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting the powerhouse to PacifiCorp's existing Huntington-Spanish Fork substation constructed in 1979 for alternative 1; (6) a new 0.8-mile-long, 138-kV transmission line to interconnect the powerhouse to PacifiCorp's existing Carbon substation for alternative 2; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual power generation at the Barn Canyon Pumped Storage would be 624 gigawatt-hours.

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Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR § 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the

Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCOOnline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15237-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/elibrary/overview>. Enter the docket number (P-15237) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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